

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY
(SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET)

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Re Point V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A 3,662,255 (CHARLES L. GARRETT) May 9, 1972
(1972-05-09)

D2: US-A 5,659,247 (CLEMENTS ET AL) August 19, 1997
(1997-08-19)

2. The present application does not meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT because the object of Claim 1 is not novel as defined by Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 describes (the references in parentheses refer to this document) a locating device, in particular a hand-held locating device, for detecting objects enclosed in a medium (according to the abstract), having a housing (according to Figure 1 [11]) and at least one sensor system provided in the housing (according to Figures 1 through 4), as well as an opening penetrating the device (according to Figure 1); it being possible to illuminate the opening in the measuring device by at least one light source provided in the measuring device (according to Figure 9 and column 6, lines 30 through 40).

3. Dependent claims 2 through 12 do not appear to contain any features which, in combination with the features of

any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements with regard to novelty or inventive step (see Documents D1, D2 and the corresponding text passages mentioned in the search report).